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## HOW WE GROW

### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Our area provides more potential for church growth than almost any other; yet our record is not one to give pride. Most of our churches are in the midst or on the edge of tremendous evangelistic opportunities. Only a few of our Conference churches seem to be insensitive to the dynamic possibilities of their location. I am impressed most everywhere by the vitality of our churches and their awareness of opportunity.

The graph curve of our growth is further revealed by the cumulative record for 1952. During the year past, our 103 churches increased their total membership from 29,911 to 31,507, a gain of 1,596, or a shade over 5%. To accomplish this, 3,872 new members were received while 2,276 were lost through death, removal, or transfer.

It took almost eight Congregationalists to win one new member for the church last year, and this fact provokes these comments from the superintendent's desk. I once asked each new member of a congregation of over 500 people to tell how each happened to first attend the particular local church; whether by newspaper announcement, attractive sermon title, fine architecture, and so forth. Over 50% replied that they first came to this local church because a member invited them. On many replies the name of the member was given.

It is so true! The churches that are growing are those where the old, old rule, "Each one reach one," is practiced. Someone years ago let loose a diabolical idea in the churches that evangelism is the pastor's job, while the laity have other interests and tasks. Winning others for Christ and His Church is the responsibility of each one. The glory of the church is that there are men and women in every church who talk up their church and warmly invite others to come and give and share.

Now is the acceptable time! These last few weeks of Lent and the Easter tide will largely determine our record as churches for the year. Never will so many people be ready for a word of invitation, so eager to talk over the meaning of church membership. Everywhere about us are those who are just on the edge of making a decision.

The magic of our Congregational fellowship is that we do appeal to people of so many backgrounds of faith. More than any other evangelistic group, we have potential strength broad in every community. People of many varying faiths find our ways of thought and doing things congenial. Paul wrote to Timothy, "Do the work of an evangelist." Yes, do it! We are surrounded by people waiting a word of invitation to our kind of fellowship.

Wm David Pratt

## "Immortal Money"

"A Voice from the Past" tells Dr. Ronald Bridges, national chairman of the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign, why his gift to the Congregational Christian Churches Revolving Loan Fund was the best investment he ever made. Moab Hartlie, a typical Congregationalist of 1852, gave 100 dollars to help build more churches 100 years ago, and today, years after his death, it's still building churches. Like Moab Hartlie, the gift you or your church gives in the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign will live on for generations. (Behind Moab's handlebar mustache is Dr. Frank Scribner, general secretary of the Ministerial Relief Division of the Board of Home Missions.)

A hundred years ago, in 1853, a group of Congregationalists voted to raise $50,000 "to build churches at the west!" That $50,000 became the foundation for the Church Building Society's revolving fund. It has been added to, in some measure by interest, but principally by gift and legacy until it has grown to the sum of $3,500,000. It has grown because it is a revolving fund. A loan is made and in about eight years is repaid with interest. It is loaned out again and repaid over and over ad infinitum.

Dr. Robert Bruce, Minister of the New York Congregational Conference, writing on "How to Live a Hundred Years . . . and More!" says, "The best possible way to project our life and usefulness into the year 2053—and beyond—is to make a contribution now to the Congregational Church Building Revolving Fund. Based upon the experience of the past hundred years, a $10 or $1,000 or $10,000 or

$100,000 contributed now will be at work building new churches that will be preaching and teaching the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ for us a hundred years hence."

On February 2, the national office of the Building Loan Fund passed the million dollar mark on accepted goals from the churches. To date, Northern California Conference has pledged a total of $89,841 toward the fund. Listed below are the quotas of nine churches accepted this month:

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| Berkeley, Arlington | $3,500.00 |
| El Cerrito, Mira Vista | 562.00 |
| Etna | 325.00 |
| Fresno, First | 5,400.00 |
| Lodi, Ebenezer | 1,500.00 |
| Los Gatos, Skyland Community | 84.00 |
| Sanger | 700.00 |
| San Mateo, First | 6,014.00 |
| Stockton, First | 3,157.00 |

## CHURCH SCHOOL SKILLSHOPS PLANNED

The Conference Committee on Church School Work has announced that four "Skillshops" for training of church school teachers will be held in the weeks immediately following Easter. Teachers will be trained in techniques of rhythmic choirs, creative dramatics, mural painting, story-telling, and choric speech. The Skillshops will be held at San Carlos on April 15, at Lodi on April 18, at Oakland Fruitvale on April 21, and at Santa Rosa on April 23. Sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring sack lunches, and 25c for registration.

## NEW RESIDENT MANAGER AT CAZADERO

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Swanson, formerly of Hemet, California, have been appointed to the position of resident managers in charge of maintenance at our camp at Cazadero. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson come to the camp with a long background of work in the Christian Church and with extensive experience in maintenance procedures. They will take over their duties at the camp on March 22. We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Swanson to our official Conference family.

Host churches will furnish coffee and child-care.

## WHAT CAN BE DONE?

From Dr. Albert J. Penner, treasurer of the Council for Social Action, come the cold facts and figures on the financial condition of the Council for Social Action. Due to a decrease of more than $14,000 income from the churches in the past four years, plus increased costs caused by inflation and additional expenses due to meeting opposition, all financial reserves (over $17,000) have been used.

What can be done? Two things specifically. One, be sure that your local church is paying its missionary apportionment in full, since the major portion of the income of C.S.A. comes from its 4% allotment of Our Christian World Mission. Two, make a contribution direct to the Council for Social Action so that further curtailment in the Council's program of Christian ethical research, education and action will not be necessary.

## Easter Work Camp At Cazadero

One hundred P.F.ers and their leader will spend Easter Week in the midst of the spring beauty of Cazadero. It will not be a "vacation" in the ordinary sense of the word, for they will be there primarily to do some of the necessary work in preparing the camp for the coming summer season. There will be scrubbing, cleaning, painting in the buildings, cutting and clearing of brush, repairing of trails and road. In addition, there will be permanent improvements added to the camp: a new roof for the dorm, completion of the cement walk around the pool, repair of the camp water system.

While this is primarily a work experience, there will also be opportunities for buzz sessions with camp leaders, for inspiring worship experiences on the themes of Holy Week, and for the deepening of the Pilgrim Fellowship spirit.

Attendance at the camp is limited to 100—and there is an especial need for a good portion of boys among that number. Cost is $7.00. The camp begins with supper Sunday evening, March 29, and closes with breakfast Friday morning, April 3. Registrations are being received at the Christian Education office, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

## ANOTHER RECORD

The Conference office has completed and sent on to the General Council a summary of the reports of the churches for the 1952 Year Book.

It may be interesting to our people to know that of the total membership of 31,507 in the Northern California Conference, 3,872 were added in 1952, 1,847 by confession of faith. Two churches received more than 100 members by confession of faith: Hayward, Eden received 106, Sacramento, Pioneer 108. Five churches received between 50 and 99; 19 churches received between 25 and 49.

In total number of members received, San Mateo, First received 219; Hayward, Eden 200; Fresno First, 158; Berkeley First, 152; Sacramento Pioneer, 143; San Francisco First, 122; Oakland First, 121; San Lorenzo Christian Union, 116; San Jose Church of the Valley, 100.

We now have six churches with a membership of more than 1000: Berkeley First, Fresno First, Fresno Free Cross, Oakland First, Sacramento Pioneer, and San Mateo First.

Church school enrollment made an encouraging gain and now stands at 19,021.

Our churches are served by 76 Congregational pastors; 12 from other denominations; 5 licentiates. We had at the end of the year a total of 165 ministers in standing in our Associations and Conference.

The value of church properties went from $8,300,000 to $9,407,933. Two new churches were added: Modesto and Church of the Valley, San Jose.

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## Pastoral Changes

Rev. H. J. Loken has given notice to the Kenwood and Glen Ellen churches that he wishes to be relieved of responsibility for the work by September, 1953, at which time he will complete 50 years as an active pastor.

Rev. Gerald A. Larue will graduate from Pacific School of Religion and will leave the student-pastorate of the Suisun Church in June. He plans to return to Canada.

Rev. Arthur Paul Focht has resigned at Niles to take effect on June 1.

Rev. Hovhannes G. Apkarian, formerly of Wethersfield, Conn., is the new pastor at Bethany Armenian Church, Oakland. He took over the pastorate in February.

Rev. Kiyoshi Ii has been called to the pastorate of the Japanese Congregational Church of Oakland. He is a special student at Pacific School of Religion and licensed by the United Church of Christ of Japan. He expects to seek ordination later in the year.

Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, formerly serving pastorates in Washington state, now retired and living in San Jose, is serving the Reno, Nevada, church as interim pastor.

## *An Opportunity For Ministers*

The Western School for Pastors will be held July 8-August 5 at La Foret, a lovely pine forest estate about 17 miles from Colorado Springs. The school is conducted under the auspices of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, in the interest of pastors serving churches in the region west of the Mississippi River. A limited number of pastors will be accepted from the eastern region for purposes of inter-area fellowship.

Ministers from this Conference who may be interested in attending are requested to contact Mr. Pratt as each Conference has a quota based on the number of ministers and churches in each area. A brochure giving complete program and information will be mailed upon request from the Conference office.

# PEOPLE AND PLACES

Dr. Harley Gill writes that although their arrival in Honolulu was in the midst of a terrific rainstorm, 40 members of his new church were on hand with the warmest of greetings. He describes their cottage on the church campus and tells how the people had worked hard putting it in shape and stocking it up. He concludes by saying that both he and Mrs. Gill feel they are the luckiest couple in all Congregationalism.

First Congregational Church in Stockton will be the scene of the ninety-seventh annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference, May 22, 23 and 24. Originally scheduled for Oakland, Plymouth, the change was requested since the Oakland church is, for a few months, without a minister with the leaving of the Rev. Phillip Murray for Riverside. Dr. Noel Breed and his congregation have extended a warm invitation to the Conference. Mrs. Howard Bissell is chairman of the Stockton Church committee on arrangements.

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur B. Roberts, who served pastorates in Ferndale, Sonoma and Antioch, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in February at Santa Ana, where they live in retirement.

Mr. Fancis Lindsay, member and trustee of the Loomis Church, was elected vice-president for the Pacific Area of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts at Omaha in February. Mr. Lindsay is serving his third term as Assemblyman for the Sixth District in the California legislature. He is a successful orchardist, raising pears, peaches and plums.

San Francisco was in the spotlight with an article in the February 14 issue of Collier's Magazine entitled, "Racial Prejudice: How San Francisco Squelched It." The Council for Social Action Committee of the Conference recommends this article to our people.

Chaplain Victor H. Morgan writes "The Pacific" of his work at the Norfolk, Va., Naval Base and of his plans to settle in this area on retirement from the Navy.

Rev. R. Norris Wilson, Executive Secretary and Associate Minister of the Missions Council in New York, visited the Conference office this month and attended a meeting of the Conference Committee on Our Christian World Mission.

Rev. Armstrong Hunter, Research Secretary for the Missions Council in Boston, spent a week-end in Berkeley in March, where he spoke in his father's pulpit at St. John's Church. On March 10, Mr. Hunter flew to the orient, conducting a laymen's party on a 32-day mission tour of the Far East.

Rev. Joseph D. Todd, who served several churches in the Conference, but recently has been engaged in public school education, suffered a severe heart attack in December and is recovering in St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco.

# TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FOR SAN CARLOS COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Community Church was the first and for many years the only Protestant church in San Carlos. On February 15, it celebrated its 25th anniversary.

When the Community Church was organized in 1928, San Carlos was only a village. However, its citizens were sure it would grow and so streets had been laid out and a sewer system installed. What was then the public school building is now the City Hall. It was in that building that the earliest beginnings of a Protestant church were realized when a Sunday School was organized in April of 1923.

During those early years several different Protestant denominations gave support to the Sunday School. In time, however, each denomination withdrew its support with the feeling expressed by one that San Carlos had "no future." Loyal leaders and parents kept it going as best they could.

It was Dr. H. W. Gatchell, a resident of San Carlos, who was the instigator of all efforts to organize a church. Dr. Gatchell settled in San Carlos in 1925 because of a flat tire! The garage man who fixed his flat suggested he take a look at some new houses going up in San Carlos. He did take a look and chose one in which to make his home. While crossing El Camino Real one day, Dr. Gatchell was struck by a car and critically injured. He later told that it was during his recuperation from that accident that he vowed he would see that a church was built in San Carlos.

It was Dr. Gatchell who first sought the aid of neighboring ministers. They willingly conducted evening services in the school house. Lay people from these neighboring churches of Redwood City and Palo Alto also helped in making a survey of San Carlos. Finally in 1927, the task of starting a church was assigned by the Home Missions Council of Northern California to the Congregationalists. Their official statement was:

"We recommend that the Congregational Church be assigned and allocated the San Carlos field. We deem that one denomination can best handle the situation. It is expected that a Sunday School shall be organized and in due time a COMMUNITY CHURCH be established." Signed: Carl M. Warner, recording secretary. (It is interesting that the Home Missions Council represented all the major denominations and that Carl M. Warner was a district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church.)

Actually from 1927 on through the national depression years, the Community Church was a missionary project of the Congregational Conference. At last on February 19, 1928, at the home of Dr. Gatchell, the Community Church was officially organized with 31 charter members from ten denominational backgrounds. Church services were held in the school house until the summer of 1928 when they were held under the oaks in Mrs. Steele's garden.

A one-room church building was completed in March, 1929. The church made encouraging progress during its first four years, but then the national depression began to seriously hamper its growth. The church hit an all-time low when it couldn't meet its building society loan in 1933 and had to borrow even more to keep going. From then on until 1940 there was a slow upward trend. In the first 13 years of the church's life, its membership increased over the original 31 members to only 104. In the last 12 years the increase has been to 500 and two new buildings have been constructed in the last ten years. Even now further building is needed.

## AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Expressing "abhorrence" of what appears to be an increasing tendency in Communist countries to make adherence to the Jewish faith a special reason for attacks upon persons," the Council for Social Action and the Executive Committee of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches have gone on record in a joint resolution recently issued from national headquarters.

The resolution recalls the crime of genocide committed against the Jewish people by the Nazi government of Germany and urges upon the members of the Congregational churches "unceasing resistance to every expression of anti-semitism wherever it may be found."

The resolution further states, "To our Jewish brethren we give assurance that, as Christians, we shall endeavor to teach and practice the worth and the fundamental rights of all persons, without regard to race, color, religion or nationality, and we shall do all in our power to resist attitudes and actions which make religion or race a basis for discrimination against, or attacks upon, persons."

# MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED—From March 1 to 5, members of this congregation participated in a Visitation Evangelism Campaign with approximately ten other churches of the Mission District in an effort to reach the unchurched of that area. Rev. Paul Coleman, minister of Grace United, recently attended a school for city pastors at the University of Southern California. Fifteen ministers from the West Coast engaged in research and study for ten days in a seminar led by Dr. Frederick Shippey of the Board of Missions, New York City.

STOCKTON, FIRST—Two offerings for work outside the local church will be high points in this church's Lenten Program: One Great Hour of Sharing offering March 8 for world relief, and the Easter offering April 5 for the national Church Building Loan Fund. To meet the church's quota for this year's share of the Church Building Fund means that the Easter offering must not be less than $1,000. Truly sacrificial giving is needed for both these offerings.

SAN JOSE, CHURCH OF THE VALLEY—In spite of the attendance decrease this month due to illness, the offerings remained high. New member emphasis is being directed toward Palm Sunday and Easter with the hope that 50 new members will be added by that time. New families attending church reflect the latest subdivision canvassing plus contacts made as long ago as eight months, but where regular newsletters have kept the people informed.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK-PRESIDIO—An African dinner was given on February 20 to introduce the U.S.C.S. study course based upon the book, "African Heritage." The food committee served a complete dinner of attractive African recipes, and the featured speaker on the program was Mungae Najoroge, a medical student at Stanford University. Mr. Najoroge is a native African from Kenya in East Africa.

BERKELEY, FIRST — Nearly 300 people attended the annual meeting of the church in January. In addition to the transaction of the normal business of the parish, including the approval of a $65,332 budget for the year, election of officers and committee members and the reports of the church ministers, the group was addressed by Dr. Stanley U. North. In review of the year 1952, Dr. Loper spoke of it as a year of "dream fulfillments." He expressed gratitude for the gift of the membership last fall that will bring fulfillment of another dream this summer, a trip to Europe for the Lopers.

REDWOOD CITY — The Pulpit Committee is apparently nearing the end of its quest for a clergyman, thanks largely to Supt. Pratt's cooperation. The Women's Fellowship is finding its "talent dollar" search both profitable and enjoyable, with many ingenious ways for augmenting it. Five new teachers have enabled the Church School faculty to decrease the size of its classes. Its calendar includes a Palm Sunday trek to the new church site, and presentation of a senior class pageant thereon. It is hoped that a volunteer platoon of teachers will take over for the regulars during summer vacation. The Building Committee is almost ready to submit the architect's tentative working drawings to the congregation.

**The First Congregational Church of Murphys dedicated two large murals at a communion service Sunday, February 1. The murals were painted and given to the church by Mr. D. B. Vincent, an artist and sheep breeder of the area.**

**The larger mural, mounted behind the altar, measures 21 feet in width and 8 feet in height, and is a nativity scene. The smaller mural, mounted over the rear door of the church, depicts the three angels of forgiveness of sins, of peace, and of everlasting life.**

**Mr. Vincent has been attending the Murphys church for almost a year. Trained as an artist in schools of the Bay Area, he has settled with his wife in a remote part of Calaveras County, one hour and a quarter by mountain roads from Murphys.**

**The service of dedication followed the reception of three new members into the church, and the preaching of a sermon, "Our Murals: What God Has Done for Us," by the pastor, the Rev. William L. Holladay, who also serves the nearby church of Angels Camp.**

**Any of our fellowship who are in that area of Calaveras County will want to visit the church and be led in worship by this ministry of art.**

LODI, FIRST—The Rev. William David Pratt was guest speaker at the morning worship service February 22. Conferences were conducted by Mr. Pratt in the afternoon. A coffee and social hour was held from 6 to 7 in the evening, followed by a meeting in the sanctuary when Mr. Pratt gave an illustrated lecture on the work of our missions in Mexico. Other Sunday evening programs this month will feature illustrated talks on Africa. Adult classes in church membership are being conducted by the pastor on Wednesday evenings through the Lenten season. Reception of members will be at the Maundy Thursday candlelight communion service in Holy Week. Classes are also being held on Saturday mornings for youth of high school age. Christian community service and study of the building program are among the major emphases adopted for 1953.

HILLCREST — February was a month of hard work. The painting of the educational unit, although saving the church approximately $2,000, has absorbed a good deal of the effort that has gone into the church this past month. The Church Council authorized Ralph Canter, professor of psychology at the University of California, to make an organizational survey of the church. Dr. Canter will interview church officers, board and committee chairmen, and other individuals in the life of the church. Several small group meetings will be held. The purpose of the study will be to determine the effectiveness of Hillcrest's organization and to uncover needs which the church at the present time is not meeting.

FRESNO, FIRST—Sixty-eight new members were received into the church on March 2. The response to the minister's sermon series on "This We Believe" has been excellent, and it is expected that another large group will be received on Easter Sunday. The church has accepted a $5,400 Building Loan Fund goal, which is slightly higher than the suggested quota.

FRESNO, JAPANESE—With Dr. Paul Waterhouse and the Rev. Sozaburo Watanabe, the church will hold a three day evangelistic campaign. Dr. Waterhouse is a graduate of Princeton University and Hartford Theological Seminary, and received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Wheaton College. He has worked most successfully among the Japanese people in Japan and the Hawaiian Islands. He will be the Nisei speaker. Rev. S. Watanabe, who is to be the Issei speaker, is the editor of the Moboroshi no Tusubasa, the best Japanese religious paper in America, and one of the best Japanese preachers. Two meetings, one in English, the other in Japanese, will be held for the three days, and the first two days meetings will be held in Sanger, Caruthers, Madera, or Sunnyside.

SAN MATEO—At a recent Men's Club meeting, the featured speaker was Sudarmo Martonagoro, an Indonesian economist with much experience in his own country and in Japan where he worked with occupation forces. His talk was of great value and interest. The Rev. Benton Gaskell, minister of San Mateo Church, continued his five-minute talks on the history of the church.

EL CERRITO, MIRA VISTA—Rev. Gifford Webster reports that attendance at worship services has been a little higher than last month. The Men's Club has had two highly successful meetings, the last (including the wives) had 56 in attendance. Mr. Young Han Choo, Consul General of Korea, was the speaker, the dinner being served by the Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship. The Sunday evening adult discussion group has proven to be a very helpful addition to the program of the church. The group averages about ten each Sunday evening for an hour and a half. The canvass committee is making preparations for the coming of Mr. Curtis R. Schumacher.

OAKLAND, FIRST—A fine negro chorus, the William Elmer Keeton Memorial Chorus, presented an outstanding program in the sanctuary on a Sunday afternoon recently. A silver offering was taken for the benefit of the Bay View Villa Church. The Senior Hi young people planned a Fellowship Work Day to raise money for their treasury and earned $34.00. The young people of the Senior Hi group, together with the church school, collected 269 pounds of clothing to send to Emory Fleming, who is teaching in Japan.

RIO VISTA, FIRST — The First Church of Rio Vista requests that the Upper Bay Association convene in ecclesiastical council for the purpose of installing William T. McReynolds as minister of the church. The churches of the Upper Bay Association are cordially invited to share in the installation of Mr. McReynolds in the house of worship of the First Congregational Church of Rio Vista on March 29 at 3 p.m.

BERKELEY, NORTH — Action at the February meeting of the board paves the way for a blood bank for the church. Recent emergencies in two church families requiring blood brought about this decision. In discussing this new phase of the church program, it was brought to the attention of the board that having a functioning bank which can be drawn upon at any time by the church membership would also mean that the church would be able to help in any major catastrophe which might arise in the area.

PORTERVILLE, FIRST—"Future Farmers" attended a recent service in force, and their president assisted the pastor in conduct of worship. The annual Men's Lincoln Day dinner was pronounced the best ever. Sufficient money has been cleared by the Pilgrim Fellowship to help send a former president to a Quaker Work Camp in Germany this summer. Family Fellowship suppers are being held on Wednesday nights during Lent with guest speakers.

MARTINEZ, FIRST—During the month of March a number of the church's members will be engaged in Personal Evangelism Visitation, which started with a training conference and luncheon the first Sunday of the month. Palm Sunday will again be a great day in the life of the church, with reception of new members at both services. The discussion group sponsored by the church's Social Action Committee, took for its subject, "Problems Youth Face in Martinez." Several worthwhile suggestions and projects developed and it is expected that the next meeting of this group will produce some real results.

# WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

MRS. JOHN HARRISON, Correspondent

**The next regular meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will be held Thursday, March 19, 1953, at the First Congregational Church, Oakland.**

There was no meeting of the Federation to report in this issue, but there are some important reminders to be made and also a request or suggestion that these months of no regular meetings offer very good times for the secretaries to get some of their ideas published. Please send them in to your reporter by the 25th of the month.

Many recent speakers have reminded us that we as church groups are "running to and fro," giving suppers, dinners and various kinds of entertainments while neglecting the real reason for our being—to evangelize the world and to spread the "good news that the kingdom of God is at hand" now.

The lenten season is a good time for us as individuals and groups to take stock of our activities. Are we putting first things first? Mrs. Stuart Anderson, Christian Home Secretary, reminds us that we must examine ourselves, be sure we are in tune with God, our source of power, before we try to help others. How can we teach another to pray if we have neglected our own prayer life? Can we help another to have faith if our own faith is wavering.

Too often we think of Lent as a time of giving up something, when it should be a time of gaining new power and faith in our life for the most important thing in the world: bringing others to the knowledge of the power of God. Only when we are at one with Him does the suffering of the millions who are hungry, naked, sick, and ignorant become our concern—and we become eager to have a part in helping them. We can all have a part in helping the men and women who are representing us all over the world.

Dr. and Mrs. George Thorn are bringing healing care in an African hospital and church college; Mrs. Joseph Moulton is striving to keep a sisal fiber bag industry going in India. Each society should consider ordering the sisal fiber bags. Write a ten-cent airform letter to Mrs. Joseph Moulton, American Marathi Mission, Ahmednegar, India. She will send full particulars. Those who have seen the bags can vouch for their beauty and the sturdiness of the material and excellent workmanship.

Has your group sent a parcel post package to Mrs. Newell Steward for the Delmo Thrift Shop project? Some groups have seen the film and realize the importance of our help. The address is: Lilbourn, Missouri. Remember also to send scraps for making quilts to Mrs. Frank Workentine, Eagle Butte, South Dakota. The Indian women sell the quilts to help support their church.

### Reports and Suggestions From Secretaries

Mrs. Charles E. Ward, 162 Grand Street, Redwood City, asks that each society send her the name and address of their Thank Offering chairman as soon as possible. The program packets are ready to be sent. Also the Thank Offering boxes should be ordered now so that this program can get started. Our offering was less in 1952 than in 1951. It is hoped we can do better this year. If we start now and use our boxes every day in our homes, our offering will really be an expression of our thanks and not just a collection.

Mrs. Scott Haymond will supply speakers for the Congregational Church Building Fund. The Northern California quota is $147,000. Many of our churches have already made their pledges; others may need more information. A film and work packets are available. She urges women to take the initiative.

Mrs. J. E. Enman will be happy to supply a speaker for any society. We have some very fine speakers as Federation secretaries who will be glad to meet with the groups. Let us invite them and make our meetings more instructive and interesting and learn more of the work of the Federation.

Miss Mary Kutz asks that each society send in a report of the books read this year by our members, and that we strive to encourage more reading.

### Dates of Coming Events

Spring Session at Cazadero, June 1-3. Presidents, Devotional and Program chairmen are particularly urged to attend.

The Spring and Annual Meeting of the Federation, April 16, at First Church, Berkeley.

### Bay Association

The women of the Bay Association were very glad to welcome our own Mrs. Buckham who has been elected national president of the Fellowship of Congregational Women. We are thankful that she has recovered from the illness that cut short her stay at the Cleveland meeting.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Lewis Taylor, North Church, Berkeley; Assistant President, Mrs. Norman C. Klotz, St. John's, San Francisco; Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Nichols, First Church, Oakland.

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SAN LORENZO, CHRISTIAN UNION—The Men's Association of this church were hosts to the members of the Men's Clubs of other San Lorenzo churches and their sons at a banquet in February. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the new Y.M.C.A. secretary for this region and to present the program of the Y.M.C.A. Members of Cub Pack 1 presented a beautiful new Christian flag to the church on Scout Sunday. Representatives of the pack took part in the dedication of the flag. Rev. Byron Eshelman, supervisor of the chaplains of the state prisons of California, was guest preacher on Race Relations Sunday. Mr. Eshelman spoke on "Christ Reclaiming Lives."

EL CERRITO, MIRA VISTA—Some very excellent discussion groups have been held on Sunday evenings around the fireplace at the Mira Vista Church. Under the leadership of Mr. Jacobson, the topic, "Those Troublesome Miracles," was discussed. A very different but equally intriguing subject, "What About All of Our Denominations?" gave an opportunity for discussion on the general categories into which the various American denominational groups are divided, some of their distinctive beliefs, and whether there is hope of achieving greater unity among denominations.

# A Good Start For 1953

It is encouraging to note that we have started the year by making an increase in our giving from the Conference over the first two months of last year. However, in checking the columns below, it is noted that some churches fell below their giving of a year ago. Won't you study the record to see how your church stands?

| | Jan. 11 to Feb. 29,'52 | Jan. 11 to Feb. 28,'53 |
|---|---|---|
| Alameda | $ 91.64 | $ 168.28 |
| Angels Camp | 15.00 | —— |
| Antioch | 299.58 | 126.49 |
| Auburn | 60.00 | 70.00 |
| Benicia | —— | 38.19 |
| Berkeley, Arlington | —— | 320.00 |
| First | 2,562.55 | 1,533.85 |
| Northbrae | 400.00 | —— |
| South | 123.05 | 56.88 |
| Biola | —— | 8.53 |
| Cedarville | —— | 20.82 |
| Concord, Hillcrest | —— | 127.00 |
| Elk Grove | —— | 110.96 |
| Etna | 27.11 | 24.43 |
| Eureka | 74.51 | 78.60 |
| Fowler | —— | 75.00 |
| Fresno, First | 600.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Japanese | 50.00 | —— |
| Zion | —— | 70.24 |
| Guerneville | 81.62 | —— |
| Hayward | 200.00 | 300.00 |
| Kenwood | —— | 2.60 |
| Lodi, Ebenezer | —— | 9.55 |
| First | 360.65 | 416.95 |
| Loleta | 2.85 | 5.88 |
| Martinez | —— | 234.02 |
| Modesto | 15.40 | —— |
| Oakland, First | 1,100.00 | 1,105.00 |
| New Pilgrim | 47.04 | 39.70 |
| Plymouth | 276.86 | 201.77 |
| Oroville | —— | 100.00 |
| Palo Alto | 400.00 | 800.00 |
| Paradise | 125.00 | 150.00 |
| Parlier | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Penngrove | 9.75 | 8.24 |
| Pescadero | 5.00 | —— |
| Pittsburg | 47.18 | 114.20 |
| Porterville | —— | 750.00 |
| Redwood City | 355.10 | 177.07 |
| Rio Vista | 12.00 | —— |
| Ripon | 38.49 | 44.66 |
| Sacramento, First | —— | 245.05 |
| Oak Park | 10.00 | 8.76 |
| Sierra Arden | 50.00 | —— |
| San Carlos | 280.00 | 280.00 |
| San Francisco, Calvary | —— | 50.00 |
| Park Presidio | —— | 176.28 |
| Pilgrim | —— | 50.00 |
| San Jose | 171.00 | 366.66 |
| San Mateo | 400.00 | 640.00 |
| San Rafael | 38.00 | 51.15 |
| Santa Cruz | 189.80 | 195.75 |
| Santa Rosa | 29.60 | —— |
| Sebastopol | —— | 97.45 |
| Sonoma | 50.00 | —— |
| Soquel | 90.65 | —— |
| Stockton | 170.45 | 214.85 |
| Suisun | —— | 30.00 |
| Sunol | 16.25 | 21.00 |
| Tulare | 196.00 | 220.00 |
| Woodside | —— | 44.28 |
| Reno, Nevada | 65.18 | 64.07 |
| Pilgrim Fellowship | —— | 449.95 |
| Miscellaneous | 50.00 | —— |
| | $9,197.31 | $11,504.16 |

# CHRISTIAN PARTICIPATION

As one means of helping Christians and citizens to "participate actively in government," the Council for Social Action announces a new Christian Citizenship program. On the first of each of four months, beginning with March 1953, the CSA will distribute a packet of materials on national government and legislative issues for study and recommendation by church groups. The March packet will be on the subject of "Immigration," the April packet on "World Trade Versus Aid." Each packet will contain a copy of the bill or a digest of the proposed legislation, the favorable and unfavorable opinions, a leader's outline for the group discussion, and reply forms for registering the opinions of the group. Each group receiving the packets is expected to hold a discussion on the topic and return its judgments within the month.

These Washington packets will provide lively discussion material, encourage citizen participation in forming public opinion, and advise CSA on its program in the area under consideration. Requests for the service, for which there is no charge but a responsibility to use it and participate in the study, should be sent to 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10. This is one of the ways CSA fulfills its educational task assigned by the General Council in 1934.

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## CLOTHES FOR KOREA

Church World Service has issued an urgent appeal for clothing for Korea. It is true that there is a great competition for used clothing from many sides. It is equally true that the church must continue to be represented in this relief clothing field. Send or take the clothing to the Church World Service warehouse, 10901 Russet Street, Oakland. In addition, a contribution of approximately 10c a pound is requested to help make the program self-sustaining. This makes it a real sacrifice to give clothing through CWS. The reward comes in knowing that the church has a hand in this relief program which not only alleviates suffering, but may help to promote peace throughout the world.

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